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1. FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, WHO RETURNED TO ATHENS YESTERDAY AND BRIEFED PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS AND THE "INNER CABINET" LAST NIGHT, TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING TO CONVEY HIS OWN PERSONAL THANKS AND THAT OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION DURING THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OF THE AEGEAN DISPUTE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. BITSIOS SAID THAT TOP U.S. OFFICIALS WERE INVARIABLY AVAILABLE AND HELPFUL, AND HE ESPECIALLY WANTED HIS APPRECIATION CONVEYED TO THE SECRETARY AND TO UNDER SECRETARY HABIB. HE ALSO SINGLED OUT AMBASSADOR BENNETT FOR SPECIAL PRAISE AND SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN "EXTREMELY HELPFUL". BITSIOS SAID THAT WITHOUT USG ASSISTANCE GREECE WOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS FINALLY ADOPTED. GREEK PERMREP PAPOULIAS, WHO IS AN OLD FRIEND AND WHO RETURNED TO

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ATHENS WITH BITSIOS, ALSO CALLED AND INDEPENDENTLY

REITERATED WHAT BITSIOS HAD SAID.

2. BITSIOS WENT ON TO SAY THAT AFTER CONSULTING WITH CARAMANLIS HE IS SENDING WORD TO FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL RECONFIRMING THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THEIR TENTATIVE AGREEMENT IN NEW YORK THAT THE TWO OF THEM MEET IN MID-SEPTEMBER. HE SAID THE MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 10-14 IN GENEVA BUT THAT HE WAS HAVING TO MAKE CLEAR TO CAGLAYANGIL THAT IT COULD NOT BE HELD IF THE SISMIK I CONTINUED ITS "PROVOCATIONS" OF GREECE RIGHT UP TO THOSE DATES. HOWEVER, IF THE SISMIK I COULD CONCLUDE ITS RESEARCHES "BY THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER" THAT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT. BITSIOS SAID HE WAS ALSO ARRANGING WITH CAGLAYANGIL TO RESUME THE BILATERAL TALKS CONCERNING AEGEAN AIRSPACE, PROBABLY TO BE HELD AGAIN IN PARIS IN LATE SEPTEMBER.  
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